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### LIBRARY SERVICES ACT EXTENSION TO BE SOUGHT

The Council of the American Library Association, at the Midwinter Meeting in Chicago January 29, voted to ask Congress to extend the Library Services Act at least until the full amount of the appropriation provided in the Act, \$37,500,000, has been made. Enacted as a terminal bill, the Library Services Act is scheduled to expire in June 1961. Its terms call for five annual appropriations of \$7,500,000 for the extension and improvement of rural library service. In none of the three years since the passage of the bill, however, has the full appropriation been made. The President's budget, now before Congress, recommends \$5,150,000 for the fourth year of the LSA program.

In addition to this resolution, the Council passed another recommending that a study be undertaken of the needs of all kinds of libraries, this study to become the basis of possible future federal legislation in regard to library service.

### BIDS TO BE LET FOR CHARLESTON BUILDING

News from Charleston indicates that bids for the construction of the new Charleston County Library building will be asked around March 1. Bids will probably be opened within 15 to 30 days following the bid invitations and construction is expected to take from nine to twelve months following the awarding of the contracts. C. T. Cummings, architect for the building has announced that final working plans and specifications for the building are approximately 90 per cent complete.

The building, which aroused a storm of controversy because of its modernistic exterior design, will cost approximately \$600,000. It will be located at the corner of King and Hutson streets with the main entrance at the corner of King Street and Marion Square. The two-story building, designed so that a third story can be added later, will contain 46,614 square feet of floor space. Its up-to-date features will include two conference rooms, a lecture room (which will seat 200 people), an audio-visual room for showing slides and motion pictures, typing booths, phonographs equipped with earphones, and a photostat room for copying reference materials which cannot leave the library. A night depository and a drive-in depository for books are also to be constructed. The exterior will be of marble on the east and south sides and of brick on the west and north sides. Upright structural members will be of aluminum.

### WHAT YOUR REPORTS REVEAL

The State Library Board received an annual statistical report from every public library in the state for 1957-58. The reports tell an interesting tale of progress in accomplishing library goals:



- From .73 books per capita in 1956-57 to .86 in 1957-58
- From 52¢ per capita library income to 62¢ in 1957-58
- 15% of public library employees with graduate library degrees
- 20 public libraries with from 1/2 to 3 mill tax support
- 46 bookmobiles in operation in 39 counties
- 1114 communities served by bookmobiles
- 65,905 reference requests filled or questions answered
- Future cooperation in a county or regional library system reported by 6 libraries

#### NEW ORANGEBURG COUNTY LIBRARIAN APPOINTED

Miss Becky Riley of St. Matthews, now a senior at Columbia College and a major in Library Science, has been named librarian for the Orangeburg County Free Library. She will assume her duties on July 1, according to the announcement made last week by Miss Ellen Chaplin, chairman of the library board.

At Columbia College Miss Riley has been active in student affairs. She is treasurer of the senior class, vice-president of the International Relations Club, and a member of Phi Alpha Theta, honorary history fraternity. Her scholastic record makes her eligible for the Order of the Purple Seal.

Miss Riley will fill the position left vacant several months ago when Mrs. L. D. Adams resigned to become librarian of the Berkeley County Library.

#### WHO'S WHO OF AMERICAN WOMEN LISTS S. C. TRUSTEES AND PUBLIC LIBRARIANS

The first edition of 'Who's Who of American Women' lists five trustees and five librarians from South Carolina public libraries.

The new volume according to publicity is a "biographical dictionary of notable living American women and will serve as a geographical - vocational index". It is being published by Marquis Publications of Chicago. One hundred forty-two South Carolinians are listed.

Public libraries represented by trustees or librarians are as follows:

Camden:	Mrs. Sarah Von Tresckow, Trustee, Camden Public Library
Charleston:	Miss Mary V. McBee, Trustee, and Miss Emily Sanders, Librarian, Charleston County Library
Chester:	Miss Frances Jane Porter, Librarian, Chester County Library
Columbia:	Miss Estellene P. Walker, Director, South Carolina State Library Board
Easley:	Mrs. Carlisle B. Kirkley, Chairman, Board of Trustees, Pickens County Library
Greenville:	Miss Katherine M. Jones, Reference Librarian, Greenville Public Library Mrs. Mary Simms Oliphant, Trustee, South Carolina State Library Board
Orangeburg:	Miss Ellen P. Chaplin, Chairman, Orangeburg County Library Board



# "THE UNCHAINED GODDESS"

NBC-TV Sunday, March 22

"The Unchained Goddess," the story of weather, will be given a repeat telecast over the NBC network on Sunday afternoon, March 22. This hour-long program explains what makes the wind blow, how clouds are formed, and what makes snow, rain, and hail. It also discusses weather forecasting, storms, and efforts to control weather, and includes some of the most dramatic films of tornadoes and hurricanes ever made.

This program is the second in the Bell System Science Series. The first was "The Alphabet Conspiracy," presented January 26. The series provides an opportunity for the local library to tie in with a national network show with benefits to the library, the local television station and the telephone company. The Bell Telephone Company will have posters calling attention to the broadcast, still photographs from the show, and stand-up counter cards, all of which you may request from the company. A 16 mm. sound color film of the program will also be available after the broadcast on March 22 (and one is now available of "The Alphabet Conspiracy").

Do not fail to take advantage of this opportunity! Use exhibits, booklists and spot announcements to call attention to the program. If your town has an NBC-TV station, outline to the program director how the library plans to cooperate with the program. Ask for spot announcements, preceding or following the program, inviting people to come to the library for materials on the subject of the program, or to write for the booklist. Tell the television editor of your local newspaper what your library is doing to participate in this nationwide attempt to connect libraries with a national television network show. And if your town or county is served by a Bell Telephone Company subsidiary be sure to let the local manager know your plans.

A selected bibliography on weather is given below. Titles with asterisks (\*) are especially good for young people. Those with plus marks (+) may be borrowed from the State Library Board.

+ Blair, Thomas A.	<u>Weather Elements</u>	Prentice-Hall, 1948
+ Forrester, F. H.	<u>1001 Questions Answered About the Weather</u>	Dodd, Mead, 1957
*+ Fenton, C.L. & M.A.	<u>Our Changing Weather</u>	Doubleday, 1953
+ Flora, Snowden	<u>Tornadoes of the U. S.</u>	Univ. of Okla. Press, 1954
* Hastings, E. R.	<u>All Kinds of Weather</u>	Leibel, 1955
* Holmes, D.C. & Pitkin, M.	<u>Young Peoples Book of Weather</u>	McBride, 1955
Krock, I.P. & Fleming, R.	<u>Sun, Sea, and Sky</u>	Lippincott, 1954
Kimble, G.	<u>Our American Weather</u>	McGraw-Hill, 1955
Lester, R. M.	<u>Observers Book of Weather</u>	Warne, 1955
+ Lehr, P. E.	<u>Weather</u>	Simon & Schuster, 1957
Longstreth, T.	<u>Understanding the Weather</u>	Macmillan, 1953
+ Miller, D. D.	<u>Wind, Storm and Rain</u>	Coward-McCann, 1952
Petterssen, S.	<u>Weather Analysis and Forecasting</u>	McGraw-Hill, 1956
Petterssen, S.	<u>Introduction to Meteorology</u>	McGraw-Hill, 1958



- \* Ruzic, N. P.
- \* Tannehill, I. R.
- Taylor, G. F.
- \* Wyler, R.
- Yates, R. F.

There's Adventure in Meteorology  
All About the Weather  
Elementary Meteorology  
First Book of Weather  
Weather for a Hobby

**Popular Mechanics, 1958**  
**Random House, 1953**  
**Prentice-Hall, 1954**  
**Watts, 1956**  
**Dodd, Mead, 1956**

#### NLW ANNOUNCEMENT

Captain James M. Hillard, Citadel Librarian and State Chairman for National Library Week, has made the following announcement to all South Carolina librarians:

"Your state committee for National Library Week has contacted representatives of the following organizations in your locality and asked them to cooperate in the celebration of National Library Week. Since we cannot expect them to search out work without encouragement, I suggest that you contact the local group -

Newspapers  
TV Stations  
P.T.A's.  
Junior Chambers of Commerce  
Women's Clubs  
Veterans Organizations

In addition, now is the time to contact local civic clubs offering a library speaker for their meeting nearest National Library Week. This is an excellent opportunity to tell the business man who pays for the library exactly what he can get for his library dollar."

#### CORRECTION

In the last issue of this newsletter you were asked to send your news for the S.C. Librarian directly to the editor. This was a mistake. News for each Section of the S. C. Library Association is being collected by the Section Chairmen. Send yours to:

Miss Carrie Gene Ashley, Chairman  
Public Library Section  
Aiken-Barnwell-Edgefield Regional Library  
Post Office Box 909  
Aiken, South Carolina

Send your clippings and other news for this newsletter to the State Library Board.

#### SYMPATHY

Sympathy is expressed to Miss Sara Catherine Wilkinson, Greenwood County Intern, on the death of her sister, Miss Nancy Wilkinson, which occurred January 31.



NOTABLE TRUSTEES: W. B. S. WINANS

by

Carrie Gene Ashley

Mr. W. B. S. Winans is chairman of the board of the Aiken-Barnwell-Edgefield Regional Library which went into operation on October 1, 1958. A graduate of New York University and originally from New York, Mr. Winans is now claimed by Aiken as a native, having lived here for the past twenty years. He is president of the Southeastern Clay Company which ships South Carolina kaolin to all parts of the world, and for twenty years has been president of the Kaolin Clay Producers Association of America.

Long associated with library board work, he has served on the Dibble Memorial Library Board for fifteen years and he continues now as its president. In 1952 when the Dibble Library and the Aiken County Public Library were consolidated, he became chairman of that board, and in 1958 with the formation of the Regional Library, Mr. Winans was named chairman of the regional board which is composed of representatives from the three county library boards. In addition to these offices, he is chairman of the Trustee Section of the South Carolina Library Association. That group named the Aiken-Barnwell-Edgefield Regional Library Board "The Board of the Year" for 1958 in recognition of its achievements during the past twelve months.

Always active in many capacities, Mr. Winans is past vice-chairman of the Aiken County Recreation Board and has also served as president of the Aiken Chamber of Commerce, the Rotary Club and as head of United Fund Drives. He is a member of St. Thaddeus Episcopal Church and served on its vestry for several years. For a period of four years he served on the board of directors of the South Carolina Chamber of Commerce. Former Governor Johnston appointed Mr. Winans a member of the advisory board of the South Carolina Aeronautics Commission.

Aside from business and civic affairs, he finds time for golf, fishing, vegetable gardening, tree farming and camelia growing. Although his favorite reading falls in the financial field, the Aiken County Public Library reports that his library number appears on quite a few golfing book cards.

Mr. Winans is genuinely enthusiastic about the regional library project and states that the splendid cooperation shown by board members, County Delegations and civic leaders of the three counties is most gratifying. Without this fine spirit, the project could never have been initiated. Commenting further upon his past experience in Aiken County library work as well as on the present enlarged program, Mr. Winans states, "The efforts of the board have been wholeheartedly supported by the County Delegation and the staff of the South Carolina State Library Board. Otherwise the advancement of library service, not only in urban areas but in rural areas as well, could not have been accomplished. The library is the property of the tax payers who support it with their money and their patronage. It becomes the pleasure of the library board and the staff to serve the best interests of the people of the counties in the region. Our aim is to develop good reading habits and to give the reference service as required on historical, technical and other topics of special interest."



The staff, patrons and supporters of the Aiken-Barnwell-Edgefield Regional Library feel most fortunate in having Mr. Winans as board chairman. In spite of his many responsibilities and various activities he is vitally interested in every person connected with the library and in every phase of its service. His enthusiasm, availability and willingness to help in any matter, large or small, are truly appreciated and are a continual inspiration to all those associated with the library.

### **PUBLIC HEALTH MANUALS**

In recent months, in cooperation with the S. C. State Board of Health, the State Library Board has been distributing to public libraries copies of the Manual of the Laws, Rules and Regulations Relating to Public Health in South Carolina.

This is a looseleaf compilation of the administrative rules and regulations that the State Board of Health is authorized by law to "make, adopt, promulgate and enforce." The contents of the manual are grouped under various headings in keeping with the programs of the Divisions of the State Board of Health. These include, among others, Disease Control, Food and Drugs, Hospital, Nursing Home, Health Center Construction and Licensing, Maternal and Child Health, Occupational Health, Vital Statistics, and Water Pollution Control. This is the place to find marriage license laws, regulations governing restaurants and public swimming pools, rules for committing the mentally ill to both state and private hospitals, trailer park laws, etc. Detailed tables of contents for each section and a general index make the manual easy to use.

The foreword states that the manual was published in looseleaf form so that it may be kept up-to-date. Each copy has been given a serial number and a record is being kept in the Central Office of the recipient of each. "The owner of each manual will be furnished all changes as they are made and, at intervals, a check list will be distributed to ensure that each owner of a manual has received copies of all changes."

Public libraries should find the manual a welcome addition to their reference collections and should make every effort to publicize its availability and usefulness.

### **LIBRARIANS ARE TALKING ABOUT**

#### **South Carolina Trustees in the News**

"South Carolina Library Board Cited by Trustees." Library Journal, January 15, 1959, p. 166.

A report of the first citation awarded by the Trustees Section of the S. C. Library Association, accompanied by a photograph of the award-winning Aiken-Barnwell-Edgefield Regional Library Board.

"Elizabeth Beatwright Coker." Wilson Library Bulletin, January 1959, p. 332.  
A biographical sketch of a South Carolina novelist.

#### **Newbery - Caldecott Books Display Kit**

A special display kit for the annual Newbery and Caldecott Medal winners is



available now. It includes a sturdy three-part standing poster and two slit cards all printed in blue, gold and black. The three pieces can be easily repacked in their shipping container which means that they can be saved and used year after year. Kits at \$1.85 each may be ordered from: Children's Book Council, Inc., 50 West 53rd Street, New York 19, N. Y. Order before March 1 to insure receipt before the March 20 announcement date.

#### Newbery - Caldecott Bookmarks

For the first time this year the Newbery-Caldecott bookmarks can be ordered in advance. Orders received before March 1 will be shipped on the day of announcement.

This year also there will be two separate bookmarks. (1) A Newbery Medal bookmark, printed in blue on gold, with a short history of the award and a list of all winners giving the year, title, author and publisher; (2) A Caldecott Medal bookmark, printed in blue on white, with a short history of the award and giving a list of all winners by year, title, author and publisher. These sell for \$1.00 per 100, \$9.00 per 1,000. Orders should specify by name which bookmarks are requested. Order from: Children's Book Council, Inc.

#### Two New Periodicals for Young People

Horizons. Subtitled "a publication for young men" and published monthly during the school year. This may be ordered at \$1.00 per issue or \$7.50 per year from the magazine offices at 160 Warren Street, Boston 19, Mass.

Young Americans, the magazine for future adults. Published monthly except July and August by Strong Publication, Inc., 431 East 57th Street, New York 22, N. Y. Price \$.35 per issue or \$2.00 per year.

Both magazines have attractive formats, lively illustration, factual, readable and up-to-date articles that should make them useful to public libraries having young people's sections.

#### YOUR PROBLEMS

by

Anne Library

Dear Anne:

I am librarian at a small public library serving over seven hundred patrons three afternoons - ten and one-half hours - per week, on an annual budget of about \$1600.00. I am the entire staff, not counting the janitor; (I can't count him, as there is no janitor).

Since I check out around twenty books an hour and return about the same number to the shelves, as well as act as reference librarian naturally all other library work has to be done from my home outside of library hours. There, through telephone calls and postal cards I plead for the return of over-due books. I read fifty book reviews a month and beat my brains out deciding on which titles should be bought out of our limited funds. I make up all my book and supply orders, prepare new books for circulation and take care of correspondence and publicity from my home.



As there is no telephone at the library, my house 'phone is over-worked with such calls as: "What time does the library open?"; "Will you renew my books?"; "Do you know who wrote 'Return Of The Native'?"; "Can you give me some ideas for my missionary program?". The cream of the telephone requests, though, was a call late one Saturday night: "My son has to report on a biography Monday and he forgot to get a book. Do you mind going to the library and getting one for him Sunday morning?".

Cleaning of the library, of course, is done when I'm "not working". I select books from the State Library Board bookmobile (bless it) four times a year on my own time and arrange for someone to do the yard work. Three mornings a week I have to make a special trip to the library to light the heater. I have had to hunt a plumber on a bitterly cold night and stay at the frigid library with him while he repaired frozen pipes to stop the flood waters.

I like my little job, though, and find it richly rewarding. It's a joy to guide the reading of children and young people and see them gradually raise their reading level. It is interesting to choose suitable books for a few elderly patrons who leave selections entirely up to me. It was a sweet reward to have two high school boys out of forty-seven for whom I helped locate books for term papers tell me they appreciated my help. I cherish the moments when a tiny first-grade boy tried to persuade me to come to his school and be his teacher, and when a little third grade girl looked up at me and said: "You're a sweet library lady".

Now, dear Anne, here is my problem: why do well-paid librarians in heated and/or cooled, well-staffed, well-stocked libraries think they have problems?

Perplexed

Anybody have an answer? - Anne Library

Dear Anne:

As I read the January issue of NEWS FOR PUBLIC LIBRARIANS, I saw the letter from "THE OUTSIDER." As I read, I thought surely someone was writing my life story. Then I realized "The Outsider" was some younger than I, and marvelled that she was able to stay in her position two years. I have tried to make myself a part of the community in exactly the same ways she described, and have had the same results. I have been here nearly a year, and I wonder if I can take another six months.

I do indeed like my job, but there is no job that will take the place of human companionship. I have had the nerve a couple of times to mention to acquaintances that this is a very lonely town. Each time I received the same answer: Most people work, and when night comes they have to go home to their families. They do not have time to visit. Yet I see by the local paper, and hear by the "grapevine," that they lead a pretty active social life.

It seems to me that our Board Members, and Church members too, would provide ways of introducing single people and help them to become acquainted. One does not have



to be looking for a husband, but she would enjoy the companionship of an escort to a few of the many functions one cannot attend alone.

I am living in a section where hunting, fishing, and water sports are enjoyed by both young and old alike. I went back home last summer for a physical check up by my family physician, and he suggested more rest and recreation. And since he knew about my location, he suggested that I go fishing. But how can I go fishing? I know no one to ask to go with me, and certainly I cannot go alone. I would not have an idea where to go either. I have hinted many times over that I would like very much to go on a lake cruise. I have been told many times of the beauty and pleasure of such a trip, but I have not been invited to go.

Your answer to "The Outsider" was excellent in my opinion, but I fear there will be many Trustees who do not see it, or who do not think it applies to them. I would like to suggest that a skit be prepared and presented as a part of the program at the Trustee Section of the next South Carolina Library Association Meeting.

#### THE OUTSIDER'S COUNTERPART

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Do you have a problem? Write to Anne Library.

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#### SEEN HERE AND THERE

The Florence Public Library being asked by a sophisticated college student for The Scarlet Letter by Robinson Crusoe.

The Spartanburg Public Library borrowing bookmobiles from the Aiken County Public Library and the State Library Board to replace two of those lost in the fire.

The Berkeley County Library receiving an appreciative letter from a patron of one of its home book deposits.

Greenwood County Home Demonstration Clubs all scheduling February meetings in the new library in order to sit on the chairs they have given to the assembly room.

The Rock Hill Public Library joining the Canadian Government Travel Film Circuit.

The Spartanburg Public Library discovering a letter from General Robert E. Lee.

The Beaufort Township Library being given a set of encyclopedias and children's books by the Beaufort Chapter of the Loyal Order of Moose.

Miss Frances B. Reid, State Library Board, addressing the Georgetown Business and Professional Women's Club on "Careers for Women."